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Title:	METHODS FOR ENHANCING POINTER ANALYSIS		

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RESPONSE AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 1, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following Response and Provisional Election to the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121. The restriction requirement was made for the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-36 and 52-56, drawn to a method of analyzing pointers in a program and enhancing pointer analysis, classified in class 717, subclasses 124 and 152.
- II. Claims 37-51, drawn to a specific method of graphing variables in a program, classified in class 717, subclass 156.

The Examiner states that the inventions are distinct, each from the other for the following reasons:

In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because invention I is a general method of analyzing pointers in a program and enhancing pointer analysis, whereas invention II is a specific method of graphing variables in a program on a flow graph for the purposes of enhancing pointer analysis. The subcombination has separate utility such as graphing variables, and finding connections between the variables.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the invention taught by Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-36 and 52-56. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement with respect to Group II, which corresponds to claims 37-51. Independent claims 37, 40 and 41 are directed to the relationship between two nodes similar to the relationship of claim 1 between two locations. Also, independent claim 47 is directed to a label relationship, also similar to the label relationship of the locations in claim 1. Accordingly, the subject matter of claims 37-51 is substantially related to the subject matter of claims 1-36 and 52-56 such that Applicant believes that there will be no undue burden on the Examiner to also search for the subject matter that is recited in claims 37-51 (Group II).

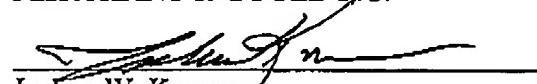
In view of foregoing comments, the restriction requirement with respect to claims 37-51 is traversed and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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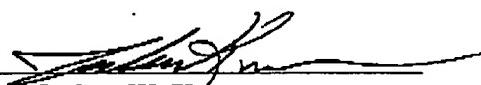
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